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TAGS: MOPS CH (SMITH AND FLYNN)

SUBJECT: PRC RELEASE OF SMITH AND FLYNN

REF: STATE 044328

1. SMITH AND FLYNN CROSSED THE PRC BORDER INTO HONG KONG AT LOWU SHORTLY BEFORE 1200 HOURS MARCH 15. BOTH SAID THEY WERE IN GOOD HEALTH. THEY LOOKED FIT AND THEIR SPIRITS WERE FINE. THEY PROCEEDED PROMPTLY AND SMOOTHLY TO KAI TAK BY HELICOPTER AND WERE AIRBORNE FOR CLARK AFB APPROXIMATELY HALF AN HOUR LATER. PRESS WAS LIMITED TO PHOTOGRAPHERS AND A SOUND MAN FROM HONG KONG GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICE. GIS REPS ASKED NO QUESTIONS AND SMITH AND FLYNN DID NOT SPEAK TO THEM.

2. A CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE ASKED TO MEET THE TWO CONGEN REPRESENTATIVES AND SHOOK HANDS WITH THEM BEFORE ESCORTING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE EUGENE GUY TO THE PRC SIDE OF THE

BORDER TO RECEIVE SMITH AND FLYNN.

MR. GUY, WHO GAVE A RECEIPT FOR THE MEN, DESCRIBED HIS RECEPTION ON THE

PRC SIDE AS MORE RELAXED THAN WHEN DOWNEY WAS TURNED OVER. PRC REPRESENTATIVES LIMITED THEMSELVES TO STATING SIMPLY THAT THEY WERE RELEASING THE MEN. HONG KONG AUTHORITIES GAVE US THEIR USUAL EXCELLENT ASSISTANCE.

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